



**RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE REQUESTED  
EXAMINING GROUP 1733**

**PATENT**  
Customer No. 22,852  
Attorney Docket No. 7040.0023.01

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of: )  
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Renato CARETTA et al. )  
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Application Serial No. 09/840,095 ) Group Art Unit: 1733  
)  
Filed: April 24, 2001 ) Examiner: Knable, G.  
)  
For: A METHOD FOR MAKING TIRES )  
FOR VEHICLE WHEELS )

**Mail Stop AF**  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME**

Applicants hereby petition for a three-month extension of time to reply to the Office  
Action mailed November 19, 2003. A fee of \$950.00 is enclosed.  
Please grant any extensions of time required to enter this response and charge any  
additional required fees to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: May 17, 2004